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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 June 2005.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 157 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 157 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 21 November 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 28 June 2005 has been entered in which claim 157 was amended. Claim 157 is pending.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 157 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 157 includes the limitation “[b] separating the beam of electromagnetic energy into **two** or more separate electromagnetic beams...” and the newly amended limitation “[d] combining **more than two** separated electromagnetic beams into...” It is unclear how you can have only two separate beams in step [b] and then be required to combine more than two beams in step [d]. For the purposes of examination, step [b] will be taken to be three or more beams.

Also, step [e] was removed, so the letters for the subsequent steps should be redone. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 157 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karasawa et al., US 5,200,843 in view of Konno et al., US 4,497,015 and Dudley, US 4,159,163.

Karasawa et al. disclose in fig. 13 a method of producing a modulated beam of visible light (from 49), comprising: [a] producing a beam of electromagnetic energy (from 1); [b] separating the beam of electromagnetic energy into three or more separate electromagnetic energy beams (with 44 and 45), each of the electromagnetic energy beams having a predetermined orientation of electromagnetic wave field vector (P or S); [c] passing a plurality of portions of each separated electromagnetic energy beam through a respective one of a plurality of means (8R, 8G, 8B) for changing the orientation of the electromagnetic wave field vector in a single direction (fig. 13) whereby the orientation of electromagnetic wave field vector of the plurality of portions of the electromagnetic energy beams is altered as same passes through the respective one of the plurality of means for changing the orientation of electromagnetic wave field vector (column 1, lines 31-33); [d] combining (with 47) the more than two separated electromagnetic energy beams without previously subcombining any plurality of the separated electromagnetic energy beams; [f] locating a projection means (49) such that the distance of the light path between the projection means and each of the plurality of means (8R, 8G, 8B) for changing the orientation of the electromagnetic wave field vector is substantially equal (fig. 13); [g] passing at least a portion of the single collinear beam of electromagnetic beams of electromagnetic energy to the projection means (49); [h] locating a surface means (13); and [i] passing the one of the segregated beams of electromagnetic energy from the projection means to

the surface means (fig. 13). Karasawa et al. disclose the claimed invention except for the beam having a substantially uniform flux intensity substantially across the entire beam and the surface means being up to approximately 10 feet of the projection means. Konno et al. disclose a light illumination device (fig. 5) that produces a beam (at M) that has a substantially uniform flux intensity substantially across the beam of light (column 5, lines 43-52). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to replace the light source of Karasawa et al. with that of Konno et al. to have a more uniform intensity light beam and provide a more consistent image. Further, it is very well known that there are projectors which are portable for use in rooms and offices up to a distance of approximately 10 feet from the projection means. For example, Dudley teaches in column 2, lines 31-32 that a common projection-to-screen distance is 10 feet. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the surface means be up to approximately 10 feet from the projection means in order to provide projection capability based on the size of the room. Finally, it is noted that the preamble fails to structurally limit the body of claim. Karasawa et al. in view of Konno et al. meets all of the structural limitations required by the claim in support thereof. As such, Karasawa et al. in view of Konno et al. must support the brightness of the image increasing as the distance from the projector lens to a screen increases up to a distance of approximately 10 feet in the same way as the structure of the claim.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 157 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

6. Applicant's arguments filed 28 June 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant stated that "applicant did not challenge the examiner's Official Notice because it was moot in view of the arguments made regarding the independent claim" and hereby disputes the validity of the Official Notice (see section II of remarks). The examiner would like to point out that regardless of other arguments, it is the responsibility of the applicant to timely traverse (i.e., in the next action) or the object of the well-known statement is taken to be admitted prior art, see MPEP 2144.03. Nevertheless, a reference has been provided which clearly documents that it is very well known to locate the surface means up to approximately 10 feet of the projection means (see Dudley, column 2, lines 31-32).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lee Fineman whose telephone number is (571) 272-2313. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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